



Press Release

Akerman's Katherine Giddings Named Among Top 250 U.S. Women in Litigation for Sixth Consecutive Year

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that **Katherine "Kathi" Giddings**, a partner in the Litigation Practice Group in Tallahassee, has been named among the Top 250 U.S. Women in Litigation by *Benchmark Litigation* for the sixth consecutive year. Giddings was one of only three women from Florida who made the list. The lawyers were selected based on the review of their recent case work, peer review, and a consideration of client feedback on their performances.

A formidable appellate litigator, Giddings has represented companies in numerous high-stakes civil and administrative appeals and bar ethics issues in state and federal courts nationwide. Her diverse appellate work ranges from a sanctions appeal arising out of an oil and gas venture, in which claimed damages were \$1.15 billion, to one disputing the legality of the Florida Department of Revenue's statewide tax on commercial leasehold improvements. Her clients include market leaders from numerous sectors, including satellite television, retail, insurance, real estate, and healthcare.

Board Certified in Appellate Law by The Florida Bar, Giddings is a former Florida Supreme Court law clerk. She also is a former chair of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Committee, which governs administrative matters in all Florida appellate and trial courts, and a past chair of Florida's Appellate Court Rules Committee. Her leadership and client work recently earned her recognition among *Benchmark Litigation's* local litigation stars in the General Commercial and Appellate categories. In recent weeks, Giddings was listed among the Top 100 Florida Super Lawyers and Top 50 Florida Women Super Lawyers by *Super Lawyers Magazine*. She also is consistently recognized by *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, and *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite.

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Akerman's Litigation Practice Group has vast experience in a wide range of civil and criminal litigation, including class action defense, securities and corporate litigation, banking, white collar crime and government investigations, insurance, and real estate. The team is ranked tier one nationally by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* in several categories including Commercial Litigation and Appellate.

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